

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7122  
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, ES  
SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OF UNITED NATIONS OFFICIAL IN  
SAN SALVADOR FAILS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 0576

1. MORNING OF FEB. 21 TWO ARMED MEN KIDNAPPED GUSTAVO LUNA UZQUIANO, A BOLIVIAN NATIONAL WHO HAS BEEN WORKING IN EL SALVADOR AS AN ECONOMIC ASSESSOR FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE 1975. THE TWO MEN FORCED LUNA INTO HIS OWN CAR WITH ONE DRIVING AND THE OTHER BESDIE HIM WITH A PISTOL. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS KIDNAPPERS DROVE THROUGH CENTER OF SAN SALVADOR AND PASSED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS. LUNA APPARENTLY STRUCK THE MAN WITH THE GUN AND TURNED WHEEL OF CAR CAUSING WRECK IN FRONT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS. POLICE IMMEDIATELY ON SCENE, CAPTURED DRIVER VICENTE GUAJACA HERNANDEZ WHO WAS STUNNED BY CRASH. GUN-MAN ESCAPED IN CROWD. LUNA NOT INJURED.  
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2. POLICE ACCOUNT MORNING FEB. 22 SAYS CAPTURED DRIVER HAS MADE NO STATEMENT AND HAS NO PREVIOUS POLICE RECORD NOR KNOWN AFFILIATION WITH PROMINENT TERRORIST GROUP. POLICE STATEMENT SAYS NORMAL FOR SUSPECT TO MAINTAIN SILENCE TO ALLOW COMPANION TO ESCAPE, BUT EXPECT FURTHER INFORMATION SHORTLY,

INCLUDING MOTIVE.

3. PRESS SPECULATES THAT TWO MEN MAY HAVE PARTICIPATED  
IN BRIEF TAKEOVER OF UN INFORMATION CENTER IN SAN  
SALVADOR EARLIER THIS MONTH (SEE REFTEL).  
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